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For : IMAGE PROCESSING FOR CLUSTERING RELATED  
TEXT OBJECTS  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT CANCELLING CLAIMS

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee in the above-identified application, kindly enter the following:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12.

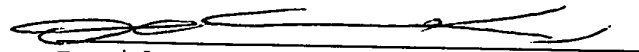
Please cancel Claims 15 and 16 without prejudice.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.121, replacement pages with the amended claims presented in clean form, and the remaining pending claims of this application are attached to this paper.

REMARKS

Applicants now amend Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 in order to delete their multiple dependent relationships. Claims 15 and 16 are cancelled.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Encl: Marked up claims  
Replacement claims